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POST-ASSEMBLY REFLECTIONS

There's someone who parks her automobile in the St. John parking lot where our synod office is located. On the rear bumper is a sticker, for me a real attention-grabber: "THINK GLOBALLY, ACT LOCALLY." I don't know the owner of the vehicle. I wish I knew, for I am grateful for the almost daily reminder before my day begins to put it in proper perspective.

Yes, by all means, I must never forget that no matter where I live I am united with sisters and brothers in an international partnership, missionaries together, sent out into God's world to be proclaimers and servers in Christ's mission. Global vision puts into sharper focus that beautiful, yet broken, troubled world in which I am called to serve.

These days I am reflecting on two events in the life of our synod which took place this past June, both on the campus of PLU. Our Synod Assembly, an agenda packed with reports, resolutions, elections, interest forums, keynote addresses, and worship, challenged us to be faithful and active witnesses for Christ's mission here in the Pacific Northwest. The Global Mission Event, a gathering of over 500 Christians who for almost 72 hours literally sang, listened, talked, and slept missions under the theme taken from Philippians 1:21, "To Live is Christ", renewed and empowered us to celebrate Christ's mission both at home and around the globe.

I tell myself these days that every synod assembly should be followed up by a GME (with mandatory attendance). Somehow, global mission and synod go together. How I wish every one of our members could have participated in the Global Mission Event, and thus be renewed in re-discovering that everything we do in the church is MISSION!
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Dr. Christopher Duraising, Director of the World Council of Churches Commission on World Mission and Evangelism, was right on target when he echoed the words of his Indian sister, Prasana Samuel, when he challenged us at the GME to make every congregation "a mission congregation".

The bumper sticker is profoundly theologically on target. "Only as I think globally do I discover that I can and must act locally." Only to the extent that we are willing to reach out beyond our own private lives, step outside the sheltered walls of our local church sanctuaries and look beyond our provincial synodical and national boundaries, do our individual and corporate lives find value and purpose. We need to keep on reminding ourselves that the congregation does not live for itself and the sanctification of its own members. The church is not an institution to serve us. Maintenance and self-preservation is not the reason for our ministry. Rather, we exist that we might be dynamic instruments in Christ's mission wherever we are.

And so these summer days, as I take in a deep breath and pause before the onrush of committee-driven, programmatic events this coming fall, I take fanciful flight and join the tourists on the international jet-set circuit and visit with sisters and brothers in a shanty town in South Africa, a Christian-based community in El Salvador, and a refugee camp in northern Ethiopia. And thus I am refreshed and renewed once again for the mission tasks at hand, right here in my own synodical backyard.

L. Paul Bartling



June 28 - July 1, 1990
Pacific Lutheran University
Tacoma, WA

NEWS

FORMER NEW GUINEA MISSION HEAD DIES

John H. F. Kuder, 83, missionary and former bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of New Guinea, died on May 22. Kuder went to New Guinea (now Papua New Guinea) in 1934, and was the ALC's first missionary in the Madang field. He was named the first bishop of the ELC of New Guinea in 1956.

FIRST TENURED WOMAN PROFESSOR AT PLTS

Martha Stortz, an associate professor of historical theology and ethics, has become the first woman tenured professor at Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary. She was granted tenure by the seminary Board of Directors at its May meeting.

Known for her engaging and stimulating theological reflections on both personal and public ethical issues, she has been a keynote speaker at many national events, including last year's conferences on the ELCA and public policy advocacy in Washington, D.C.; the church and the year 2000 in Chicago; the pan-Lutheran Consultation on Justice and Justification in Mexico City in 1985; the LCA's consultation on the U.S. economy, weapons, production, and Christian conscience in 1986; and the joint conference of the bishops of the three uniting churches in San Francisco.

LIRS EXECUTIVE DIES

Donald H. Larsen, 65, executive director of Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service, died on May 17. Larsen became executive director of LIRS in 1985. Before that he served as executive

director of the Division for Mission and Ministry of the Lutheran Council in the USA. John Fredriksson, LIRS associate director for governmental affairs, said that Larsen's death is "not only a tremendous loss to his family and friends, but to the country, the church, and the international community."

PLU PRESIDENT RECEIVES NORWEGIAN KNIGHTHOOD

Candidates for knighthood have never been common in the United States, certainly not in recent times. Dr. William Rieke, President of Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, was so honored. He has been appointed Knight First Class of the Royal Norwegian Order of Merit by His Majesty, King Olav V of Norway. This honor is conferred upon foreign citizens in recognition of particularly meritorious service rendered in the furtherance of Norwegian interests. More than 60 Norwegian students attend PLU each year. Rieke, PLU's 11th president, has served the university since 1975.

MORMONS CHANGE RITUAL

In the central temple service of the Mormon Church, women no longer have to pledge to obey their husbands. Now they must pledge to "obey God" and "listen to" their husbands' advice. "That's the most significant change in the church since black males received the priesthood in 1978," said Ron Friddis, publisher of Mormon-oriented books in Salt Lake City.

The revised ritual took effect in April in the 43 temples of the church. Friddis said, "I think we're gradually moving away from the subjugation of women." This action comes 10 years after Mormon Sonia Johnson was excommunicated for advocating the ERA.

CONTINUING EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

CONFLICT MANAGEMENT FOR CLERGY

The Alban Institute will offer "Conflict Management for Clergy" on September 17-18 at St. Margaret's Episcopal, 4228-128th Ave. SE, Bellevue. Cost is \$75 for an Alban member, \$100 for a non-member; and \$75 per person in groups of two or more from the same church. It will be led by George Parsons and Speed Leas, nationally known consultants to churches in conflict. Registration with full payment must be mailed in before September 1 (see registration form elsewhere in "Soundings").

SPIRITUAL JOURNEY SERIES

The Center for Spiritual Development is again offering Thomas Keating's "Spiritual Journey" series, beginning with an introductory Saturday conference, "An Invitation to the Spiritual Journey", on September 29. The conference is meant to help the class become better acquainted with one another and with the spiritual journey. Open to all, the program requires a commitment of 17 weeks from late September into mid-February, with some breaks. It is possible to try the course on for size by taking the Saturday conference and the introductory first six weeks. For more information, contact The Center for Spiritual Development, 1245-10th Ave. E., Seattle, WA 98102; 329-6700.

CHURCH AND STATE IN THE NEW CENTRAL EUROPE

Jim Burtness and Herb Brokering of Luther Northwestern Theological Seminary are team teaching this on-site study of the ways in which church and state are relating to one another in the new political configurations in Germany, Poland, and Czechoslovakia. Historic places will be visited, but emphasis will be on conversation with church and government leaders, with theological professors and students, and with pastors and congregations. It is open to both

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LNTS and non-LNTS students and to non-students who wish to take the course without credit, November 25-December 15. Cost is \$1750 for students, \$1800 for non-students. Scholarships are available.

For information, call Jim Burtness at home (612) 645-7074 or at the office, (612) 641-3218. June 1 through September 1, he can also sometimes be reached at (715) 634-2406, where you can call collect.

SEARCH BIBLE STUDIES

SEARCH weekly Bible studies now offers ELCA congregations new opportunities for leadership training and orientation. The new program, using SEARCH Area Consultants, provides an economical way of preparing congregational leaders within each church setting.



The SEARCH consultant is available to conduct a six-hour training orientation event on site for a reasonable cost. The training enables local leaders to implement the program of Bible presentations, small group leadership and coordination. The program emphasizes lay leadership, utilizing a local coordinator, Bible lesson presenter, and small group leader. SEARCH training is also available to congregations previously involved in SEARCH and in need of developing new congregational leadership.

SEARCH is the ELCA's major Bible study program of 20 eight-week units scheduled with great flexibility to meet specific congregational needs. SEARCH not only helps participants know what is in the scriptures, but also helps them to see that the story is filled with grace, that it gives new meaning and purpose to life, and helps to create a desire to share the faith.

For more information about SEARCH training, contact SEARCH Area Consultant, Marcia Olson, 7510 California Ave. SW, Seattle 98136; 937-3765.

WANT ADS

MUSIC POSITIONS OPEN

Our Savior, Issaquah, is seeking applicants for a part-time director of music to direct two choirs, supervise four other choirs, and take part in worship planning. Salary is \$9,000 annually plus housing, utilities and medical. Contact Pastor Wuest at 391-8431 or send resume to Our Savior Lutheran Church, 745 Front St. So., Issaquah, WA 98027 by August 8.

First, Bothell, is seeking a new choir director. Contact Gary Werner, Council President, at 486-2314, or send resume to First Lutheran Church, P O Box 246, Bothell, WA 98041-0246.

St. Luke, Bellevue, has an opening for an organist for two Sunday services and one choir rehearsal during the week, starting September 9 or earlier. Contact Tom Reich or Pastor Kidd at 822-7907, or send resume to St. Luke Lutheran Church, 3030 Bellevue Way NE, Bellevue, WA 98004.

Christ, Edmonds, is seeking an organist and/or choir director (pipe organ). Auditions first part of August. Send resume to Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church, 23525 - 84th Ave. W., Edmonds, WA 98026.

Gloria Dei, Alderwood Manor, seeks a chorister accompanist for a children's choir for Wednesday night practice and two performances at worship monthly. Additional spring programs make the year rewarding. Salary negotiable. Call Gloria Dei at 776-2444.

TWO POSITIONS AT PRINCE OF PEACE NORTH

Church secretary, 35 hours/week, salary \$1200 DOE. Custodian at 20+ hours/week. Apply for both positions by calling Sue Appelo at 363-8100.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Sno-King Lutheran School has an opening for an executive director which is available immediately. Competitive salary and benefit package. Expect to fill position by August 1. Direct inquiries to Sno-King Lutheran School Call Committee, 10400 Fourth Ave. No., Edmonds, WA 98020; Phone: 774-3916, evening: 745-2089.

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MORE WANT ADS

ADULT FAMILY HOME CO-SPONSOR

Here is a good opportunity for a retired couple to become co-sponsors in a licensed adult family home in the Clearview area of Snohomish. Living space provided; requires light groundskeeping and night-time supervision of four elderly women. Salary negotiable. Call Rebecca Petersen, 668-5059.

WINTER ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Faith Lutheran, Yuma, Arizona is seeking a retired pastor to serve as winter associate pastor, part-time (two days per week), November through mid-April. Hospital and home visitation, coordination of weekly potluck dinner program, assistance with Sunday worship, including occasional preaching. Contact Personnel Committee, Faith Lutheran Church, P O Box 4596, Yuma, Arizona 85366.

UPCOMING EVENTS

ECUMENICAL PRAYER SERVICE FOR GOOD WILL

On Friday, July 20, at 7:30 p.m., St. James Cathedral (9th and Marion) will host an "Ecumenical Prayer for Good Will". This unique event will mark the beginning of the GoodWill Games with prayer being said and sung in many languages. Co-sponsored by the Archdiocese of Seattle, the Church Council of Greater Seattle, and the Washington Association of Churches, the hour-long service of prayer and meditation will feature the Leningrad Theological Schools Choir in its first appearance in the U.S. For more information, call 622-3559 or 525-1213.

LUTHERAN MEN IN MISSION

The Lutheran Men in Mission of the ELCA will have



MEN IN MISSION

its first assembly meeting July 27-29 at Newberry College, South Carolina. An excellent program of worship leaders and speakers has been planned. Dr. Robert Marshall will be the banquet speaker. Our

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LUTHERAN MEN IN MISSION (cont.)

synod will be represented by James Kaye, a member of St. Stephen's, Seattle. If you would like to give Jim any input before he leaves for the LMM meeting, call him at 542-2317. (See LMM flyer elsewhere in "Soundings".)

WELSH CHOIR VISITS SEATTLE

Wales is renowned all over the world for its male voice choirs. The Puget Sound Welsh Association announces a performance by the Llanelli Male Voice Choir on August 28 at St. Alphonsus Church in Ballard at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$10 in advance and for seniors, and \$12 at the door, and can be obtained by mail by writing to P O Box 19344, Seattle, 98109, or by calling 488-7288 or 783-4784. The choir will perform a varied repertoire of Russian folk music, operatic arias and choruses, and classic four-part Welsh harmony.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLEASE MAKE NOTE

NEW TOLL-FREE TELEPHONE NUMBER
FOR THE SYNOD OFFICE

1-800-244-NWWS

(for the 206 area code only,
north of Longview to Canada)

AUDIT REPORTS NEEDED IN SYNOD OFFICE

Audit report forms were mailed to all congregations several weeks ago with a request that the audit form be completed and returned to the synod office. The following congregations have not returned the audit form: Gloria Dei, Alderwood Manor; Anacortes, Anacortes; Our Savior, Arlington; Light of the Cross, Bothell; St. Peter, Clinton; Shepherd of the Hills, Concrete; Christ, Edmonds; Advent, Everett; Spirit of Christ, Everett; Faith, Everett; Our Savior, Everett; Prince of Peace, Everett; Trinity, Everett; Zion, Everett; Immanuel, Everson; Christ, Ferndale; Our Savior, Issaquah; Shepherd

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of the Hills, Issaquah; Kent, Kent; Zion, Kent; Trinity, Kirkland; Ebenezer, Lake Stevens; Faith, Lakewood; Hope, Lynden; Shepherd of the Valley, Maple Valley; Salem, Mt. Vernon; Bethesda, Mountlake Terrace; Faith, Redmond; Sammamish Hills, Redmond; Nativity, Renton; Renton, Renton; Bethel Chinese, Seattle; Calvary, Seattle; Crown, Seattle; Faith, Seattle; Gethsemane, Seattle; Good Shepherd, Seattle; Hope, Seattle; Prince of Peace No., Seattle; Riverton Heights, Seattle; St. John, Seattle; St. Paul, Seattle; St. Paul's of Shorewood, Seattle; Vietnamese, Seattle; Bethlehem, Sedro Woolley; Christ the King, Snohomish; Good Shepherd, Snohomish; Our Savior, Stanwood; Vashon, Vashon Island; Wooden Cross, Woodinville.

PLEASE SEND THESE FORMS INTO THE SYNOD OFFICE RIGHT AWAY SO THAT THE ELCA FIDELITY BOND IS IN PLACE. If you have lost the audit form, call 783-9292 to get another one. Thank you.

NEW PHONE # FOR VIETNAMESE CHURCH

Please note that the Vietnamese Lutheran Church in Seattle has a new phone number: 789-7194.

PRE-RETIREMENT SEMINARS SET

Region-wide pre-retirement seminars will be held on the following dates:

Nov. 15	Federal Way
Nov. 16	Portland
Nov. 17	Spokane
Nov. 18	Federal Way (session for divorcing spouses)
Nov. 19	Boise

Enrollment will be limited to ages 55+, 20 couples per site. Clergy couples may register to attend at any site up to one week before the event. After that time, registration will be open to any age clergy. The Rev. Manfred Holck, Jr. will be the keynote presenter. More information will be coming on how to register.

DISASTER RELIEF AGENCY IN WASHINGTON STATE

Lutheran Social Services of Washington/Idaho has been designated the Lutheran disaster relief agency in Washington State. For more information regarding this, contact Dr. Bill Hershey, Executive Director, 461-6931.

ADULT DAY CENTER OPEN

The Magnolia Adult Day Center is open each Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The program provides socialization and stimulation for the less able older adults, as well as time away for the family caregiver. For more information, call 283-0233.

IRAN EARTHQUAKE RELIEF

Following the earthquake in Northern Iran in which an estimated 25,000 died and 10,000 were injured, Lutheran World Relief is working in cooperation with Lutheran World Federation/World Service to send relief to the victims. Donations may be made payable to LWR and sent to Lutheran World Relief, 390 Park Avenue South, New York, NY 10016.

MISSION90 VIDEO ORDERS

Be sure your congregation has sent in the blue order card for the MISSION90 video series. Churchwide reports that 8,000 copies have been ordered and they have duplicated 10,000, so send in your order card now! Telephone orders will not be accepted. If you have misplaced your order card, call 783-9292 to get one. If your congregation is unsure if you have already sent in your order, send in another blue order card marked "Possible Duplicate" with an explanatory letter.



A Spanish version of the videos will be available in mid-October. Spanish language versions of the planning guide will be ready for distribution by the end of July. One copy will be provided at no cost to places of ministry that request guides. Additional copies will be available for \$10 each. Look for notices on how to order the Spanish guides in SEEDS and in LIVING WATERS from the ELCA Division for Congregational Life.

NEW YOUTH VIDEO RESOURCE

A very valuable resource for congregational youth ministry teams is the new video, 10 Steps to Effective Youth Ministry.

Featuring Dr. Rollie Martinson, the video was produced by the Region 1 Office of Youth Ministry. It consists of ten 10-minute segments.

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YOUTH VIDEO (cont.)

10 Steps to Effective Youth Ministry may be purchased for \$59.95 plus \$3.00 shipping and local sales tax from Augsburg Fortress. Rentals (code #36-81-2104) may be arranged through Augsburg Fortress in Los Angeles (1-800-327-3277), or Minneapolis (1-800-328-4648, ext. 352). It will not be available through the Region 1 A/V office.

YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING SCHOOL

There is still time to register for the highly regarded Region 1 Youth Leadership Training Schools (LTS) West and East. LTS-East is slated for August 18-21 at Flathead Lutheran Camp near Kalispell, Montana. LTS-West will be held at LBI in Issaquah August 23-26. It is an excellent introduction to congregational youth ministry for youth and adult teams. Contact Dave Ellingson or Boots Winterstein at 624-0093.

SYNOD/REGIONAL FAMILY

Please remember in prayer the following families who have lost loved ones recently: Leonard Liekauf died May 31 in Woodburn, Oregon, at the age of 87; the fathers of Janet Lester and Phil Kunder and the mother of Marilyn Running have passed away recently. . . . Ed Danielson (formerly of SSWA Synod) had a massive heart attack on July 1. . . . blessings to James and Mai Dovinh on the birth of Daniel Hieu Dovinh on May 26. . . . contact Buzz Kahn at 746-7300 if you are interested in a trip to the Holy Land led by Buzz in April, 1991. . . . our congratulations to Eugene and Trudy Stime who celebrated their 25th anniversary, and to Ethel and Harald Sigmar, celebrating their 50th. . . . Marcia Erickson, formerly of our synod and now working at Churchwide in Chicago, had an article published in the June issue of Lutheran Woman Today. "A Taste of City Gardening" described the Seattle Food Garden Project which encourages city dwellers, especially low-income families, to grow part of their own food to improve their nutrition. The program reaches out through contact with food banks, public housing, feeding programs, churches and social service agencies.



Penny Counting Time

by Professor Walter M. Stuhr, Ethics

One of the top ELCA news stories in 1989 was that church-wide income not only fell far short of meeting budgeted expenses but actually decreased from 1988. The 1990 income to date indicates that a similar story will be among this year's top stories as well.

Our church leaders, in addition to seeking to bring income and expenditures into balance, have been trying to figure out the "Why?" of this phenomenon. It is not that our people are giving less. Total giving at the congregational level has actually increased.

But the increase is either staying in the congregations or going for designated purposes, e.g., the ELCA Hunger Program. So, the question is not, "Why are our people being less generous," but, "Why are the congregations being less generous in their support of synod and church-wide budgets?" Is the "new church" perhaps failing to meet our expectations? Are other needs considered more pressing?

While the "Why?" question needs to be asked, there is another that should also be asked, this one by the congregations, namely, "What does this decreased generosity mean for what we can now expect from the synodical and church-wide expressions?" The point is that, while decreased generosity may be a response to disappointed expectations, it will have consequences that may very well be even more disappointing.

For example, it will mean that our leaders--bishops and councils, institutional presidents and boards of directors--will by necessity devote increasing energy to "management" of scarcer financial resources, with less energy available for "mission;" and we will begin to choose our church leaders on the basis of their management skills rather than their missionary vision. 1

It will mean that decision-making will be less participatory, as the various councils, boards, and task forces become smaller and meet less frequently in order to save on transportation and other meeting costs. The principle of involving those most likely to

be affected by decisions is expensive to implement. It is much less expensive to let those located in or near synod and church-wide offices make the decisions.

It will also mean that our elected and appointed leaders will be less willing to take risks, choosing instead programs that have worked in the past or that are calculated not to further endanger the funding base. Yet, living the Gospel is about risk-taking, for the larger church as well as for individuals and congregations.

Finally less generous giving will encourage those parts of the church that can to raise their own funds. Independence in governance follows independence in funding. The reason congregations can withhold funds and act independently of the larger church is that most congregations raise their own funds. But are we willing that our seminaries, for example, become independent of the church out of financial necessity?

Last year Professor Stortz and I reported on a conference we attended on "The Year 2000 and Beyond" sponsored by the ELCA. Representatives from congregations and church-wide offices, from seminaries and colleges and social service agencies were challenged to bring the church into the year 2000 with boldness and imagination--to match the marvelous opportunities and the dire threats that face us all at the end of the 20th century.

The vision was of a church that takes the initiative, that places its spiritual and human resources imaginatively and effectively in loving service of both the community of faith and the entire global community. A year later there have been no regional and synodical follow-up conferences, no announcements of bold plans. Instead, time and energy have been devoted to balancing the budget--to cutting staff, reducing grants, delaying and reducing programs.

The Year 2000 will come, whether we are prepared for it or not. What a tragedy if it catches the ELCA still counting its pennies instead of sharing its riches.

STEWARDSHIP NOTES

By Bob Armstrong

School's out!

Even if the calendar did not tell me this summertime truth, I could tell by the number of young people I see on the streets and in stores. I am not sure what summer employment opportunities may be available to youth in your community, but there are usually a number of young folks who have little or nothing to do.

One of the important dimensions of Christian Stewardship is respect and care for our world. The church has the responsibility of encouraging and continuing the earth's caretaking in a spirit of hope. What a great way for the youth looking for opportunities during the summer to be active in environmental stewardship. Encourage your youth to participate in -

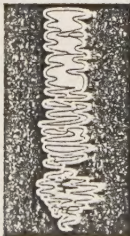
- farming and gardening
- tree planting
- soil and water conservation
- air and water pollution control
- recycling efforts
- cleanup and anti-litter projects

Oh, yes! Just an after-thought: This is also something that the adults in our parishes could be doing and sharing!

STEWARDSHIP IS EVERYTHING I DO AFTER I SAY I BELIEVE!



LET YOUR LIGHT SO SHINE



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PLU CENTENNIAL CELEBRATED

In his speech to the assembly delegates, Dr. William Rieke, President of Pacific Lutheran University, focused on "the development of knowledgeable persons equipped with an understanding of the human condition, a critical awareness of humane and spiritual values, and a capacity for clear and effective self-expression" (from the PLU mission statement). Dr. Rieke presented Bishop Lowell Knutson with the President's Medal to honor the Bishop as a "pastor, teacher, preacher, community leader, human rights activist, youth leader and family man". A 1951 graduate of Pacific Lutheran College, Bishop Knutson served as ASB President, and lettered in three sports. In accepting the medal, Bishop Knutson said that all parish pastors who have attended and supported PLU share in the award.

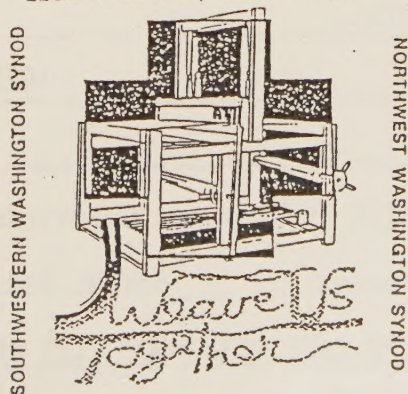
SYNOD ASSEMBLY ELECTION RESULTS

Delegates at the June 15-17 assembly elected Donald Maier, and Sandra Jennings as representatives to the Regional Coordinating Council. Elections for Synod Council officers were as follows: Vice President, David Swartling; Secretary, Linda Larson, and Treasurer, Clayton Olsen. Others elected to the Synod Council were Todd Bonesteele, Isaiah Chow, Nancy Winder, Donna Dickson, Joanne Roddis, Barbara Smith, Kim Unti, Kathy Wines, Dick Lodmill, Paul Rieke, Jim Logghe, and Ken Niebauer. Delegates elected to represent the synod at the Churchwide Assembly in 1991 were Lowell Knutson, Jane Prestbye, Anne Morawski, Donald Maier, Jeffery Russell, Sharon Greenwood, Sue Logghe, Sarah Wing, Paul Rieke, Ron Jacobson, and Bill McKinnon. Our synod's elected representatives to the PLU Corporation were Donald Brekhus, Jeff Cornish, G. Lee Kluth, Betty Keith, Brian Beistel, John Paul Olafson, William Coffman, Jean Nistad, and Paul Wold.

OTHER ASSEMBLY HIGHLIGHTS

Assembly delegates participated in a variety of worship experiences throughout the weekend, including clown worship on Saturday evening. Offerings totaling \$2,784 were split between the PLU Centennial Fund, Luther Northwestern Theological Seminary, Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary, and the Lutheran Church in Namibia. A 1991 budget totalling \$1,220,000 was adopted. Resolutions adopted by the assembly delegates were as follows: Support of Low Income Housing, Support for THE LUTHERAN, Lutheran Lay Renewal International, The Ecumenical Decade of Churches in Solidarity with Women (1988-1998), Forums for Lay Persons, and Ministry to Persons with AIDS. Resolutions regarding funding the position of Synod Secretary and a stipend for unsalaried synod officers were referred to the Synod Council for action. Several changes to the Synod Constitution and By-laws were adopted.

ELCA ASSEMBLY, JUNE 15-17, 1990



"WEAVINGS" FROM THE SYNOD ASSEMBLY

KEYNOTER PRASANA SAMUEL

Prasana Samuel, a well known theologian from Madras, India, addressed the joint assemblies of the Northwest and Southwestern Washington Synods during the weekend of June 15-17. She warned that "weaving together" in Christianity will be a painful, not passive, process. She said Christians must band together with "holy rage" about the wrongs in the world. Ms. Samuel called on Christians to move--together--in spreading the good news of Jesus Christ.

All too often, she asserted, the church and church members hold an exalted image of themselves that may cause others to hesitate to become involved with the church. Some church structures are so rigid that they keep people away. She said that those barriers must come down to form a unified church.

In her final address, Ms. Samuel explained that the traditional methods of mission work are no longer suitable to meet the needs of a changing world and a variety of cultures. "Mission is as comprehensive as God, who started it and keeps it going," she said. Traditional missionaries ignored or refuted cultural traditions and treated potential converts as children, not as brothers and sisters in Christ. Her comments come from personal experience in her native India. She called on every church to be mission minded, and to seek new ways to communicate the gospel to the world.

"STATE OF THE CHURCH" ADDRESS

Bishop Herbert Chilstrom also addressed the joint assemblies concerning the "state of the church". He highlighted MISSION90, the series of projects and objectives for the ELCA for the next several years, as a way for the new church to examine itself and to reflect on the basics of our faith. MISSION90 emphases will include Bible study, tithing, building congregations, and building partnerships with congregations around the world. Increasing participation of minorities, women, and the laity were key to the charter created in the formation of the ELCA and will continue to be emphasized, but "progress will be slow", Chilstrom said. Minority members represent only 2% of the ELCA's 5.2 million members.

Four areas of concern were mentioned by Chilstrom as getting the most mail at the ELCA headquarters: divestment of the pension fund from South African-related businesses, the ELCA financial condition, the question of ordaining gay pastors, and inclusive language.

In his message to the nearly 1,000 delegates gathered for worship Friday evening, Bishop Chilstrom challenged the ELCA to move forward from maintenance to mission, to meet the challenges as Christians to weave all people together with the message of Jesus Christ. He warned that without a fundamental change in attitude to a focus on mission, "the handwriting is on the wall" for continued decline in the ELCA.

(OVER FOR MORE "WEAVINGS")

The Alban Institute

Conflict Management For Clergy

- Dates: September 17 & 18, 1990. Times: 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM each day
- Place: Saint Margaret's Episcopal Church, 4228 128th Avenue SE, Bellevue, Washington. Directions on how to get there will be sent with the acknowledgement of your payment.
- Cost: \$75.00 per person (Alban member) as individual/ \$100.00 (non-member)
\$75.00 per person in groups of two or more from the same church.
- Leaders: George Parsons, Alban Institute, Senior Consultant, Oregon Office
Speed Leas, Alban Institute, Senior Consultant, California Office
- Parsons and Leas are nationally known consultants to churches in conflict and have 28 years of full-time experience between them in working with conflicted churches.
- Content: The first day will focus on disagreement between two or three people, especially those situations where there is resistance to leadership and people are experiencing interpersonal difficulty. The second day will focus on organizational conflict where groups may be forming to resist change or want to bring about changes that others in the congregation are not ready to make.

The primary method of presentation will be lectures. In addition to this input, the participants will be asked to fill out the PACE Inventory and they will spend about an hour and a half in small groups working with the inventory on the first day and a case on the second day.

Accommodations: A list of nearby motel accommodations will be sent with your registration. If you have further questions, write or call The Alban Institute, 17300 Bear Creek Road, Boulder Creek, California 95006, (408) 354-1002.

REGISTRATION FORM
Mail before September 1, 1990

NAME _____ PHONE _____

CHURCH _____

ADDRESS _____

Enclose full payment (\$75 member/\$100 non-member; \$75/person for two or more)

Number of participants from this church _____ Amount enclosed _____

TO RESERVE A PLACE PLEASE SEND THIS FORM WITH YOUR CHECK TO:

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CALENDAR

July

- 21 SYNOD COUNCIL, St. John, Seattle, 9 am-4 pm
- 22 Dedication, Bethany of the NW/Silver Lake, 2 pm
- 24 Retired clergy, spouses & widows, Jensen Park, Marysville, 11 am-3 pm

August

- 3-5 Calling & Caring Community Workshop (Part I), Messiah, Auburn
- 7 Finance Committee, Prince of Peace No., 6 pm
- 10-12 Calling & Caring Community Workshop (Part II), Messiah, Auburn

September

- 3 LABOR DAY--OFFICE CLOSED
- 5 Cluster Deans meeting, Synod Office, 10 am-2 pm
- 6 Finance Committee, Prince of Peace No., 6 pm
- 8 Sno-King Cluster Council, 9:30 am, Light of the Cross, Bothell
- 8 Leadership Support Committee, Trinity, Lynnwood, 9 am-noon
- 15-16 Regional Coordinating Council
- 16-18 Inter-synodical staff retreat
- 17-18 Alban Institute Conflict Management Seminar
- 21-22 Stewardship workshops
- 22 SYNOD COUNCIL, St. John, Seattle, 9 am-4 pm

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CALLS ACCEPTED LP=Lead Pastor A=Associate I=Interim			
Charles N. Bailey	Zion, Kent		09/01/90
Elwood J. Carlson	Holy Trinity, Mercer Isl		06/01/90
Susan L. Kyllö (Int)	Trinity, Kirkland		08/01/90
Gary L. Rothenberger	Gloria Dei, Alderwood Mnr		06/01/90
AIM APPOINTMENT(S)			
Joyce L. Thelin	Coordinator, Project HOPE, American Red Cross		05/19/90
INSTALLATION(S)			
Jack L. Richards	Bethany of the NW, Slvr Lk		06/24/90
Elwood J. Carlson	Holy Trinity, Mercer Isl		08/21/90
Gary L. Rothenberger	Gloria Dei, Alderwood Mnr		08/26/90
ANNIVERSARY			
Our Savior's, Bellingham	100th		08/16/90
ORDINATION(S)			
Charles N. Bailey	Grace, Des Moines		08/19/89
RESIGNATION(S)			
Wendell J. Stakestad	Trinity, Kirkland		07/01/90
Rick Goudzwaard (AIM)	St. Luke Medical Center		06/01/90
RETIREMENT(S)			
None this month			
TRANSFER(S) IN/OUT OF SYNOD			
Karis K. Graham	to N Texas/N Louisiana		08/01/90
Trygve R. Skarsten	from Virginia Synod		07/01/90
Reuben Pirner	from NE Iowa Synod		05/21/89
Karl J. Danielson	from N Great Lakes Synod		05/30/90
CONGREGATIONS IN CALL PROCESS NV=New Vacancy Int=Interim CP=Congregational Profile I=Interviewing C=Calling			
Bainbridge Isl, Bethany (AIM)	C Wayne Erickson, Pastor		
Everett, Central	Int Paul Running, Int		
Everett, Our Savior's	NV David Parks, Pastor		
Everett, Trinity	C Robert Schultz, Int		
Kirkland, Trinity	Int Susan Kyllö, Int		
Seattle, Calvary	C		
Seattle, Gethsemane (Assoc)	C Paul Eriks, Pastor		
Seattle, Glendale (Assoc)	CP Arnie Anderson, Pastor		
Seattle, NE Seattle Lutheran			
Youth Association	NV		
Seattle, St. Paul's	Int		